

TOWN OF MAYNARD
MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes, May 22, 2012, 6:30 – 9:13
Conservation Commission Office, Town Hall

PRESENT: Commission Members: Fred King (chairman), John Dwyer, Doug Moore, Peter Keenan and Jessica Pfeifer.
Agent: Linda Hansen
Visitors: Jerry Flood (DPW) and Ed Morz (5 Burns Court)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 05/08/2012. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to approve the minutes of 05/08/12 as written.

FINANCIAL:

- L. Hansen's salary for 05/19/12 to 06/01/12 = \$971.20. Mr. King signed the timesheet.
- L. Hansen rate change for FY13. The budget was approved at Town Meeting and the rate change reflects the rate in the new budget. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to approve the rate change.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Notice of Intent (continued from April 17th)
Construction of sidewalk along Route 27 (south of Vose Hill Road)
Department of Public Works
Jerry Flood of DPW discussed his meeting with Natural Heritage. NH agreed to allow a curb height of no greater than six inches. The sloped curb opening at the edges of each driveway will be a total of four feet wide rather than two feet. Natural Heritage will send a letter of approval for this project. The steep banks along the sidewalks (further south of the detention basin) will be stabilized with rip-rap, using large stones. DPW agreed to clean out the debris on the east side of the roadway that was probably left there by the contractor who cleared the lines recently and will also check the culvert for debris. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to issue an Order of Conditions for the construction of a sidewalk along Parker Street. The Agent will issue an OOC after receipt of an approval letter from Natural Heritage.

WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- Enforcement Order for 5 Burns Court. The agent showed the Commission photos of the wetland alterations. Mr. Morz claimed the wetland area burned when the neighboring house burned and vegetation is now growing back. The piles of dirt were generated by Mr. Morz in his attempt to remediate the yard. He plans to remove 36 inches of dirt and then amend the yard with compost, sand, and subsoil. He does not plan on doing any work on the wetland side of the erosion control barrier. The Commission scheduled a site inspection for 5:30 on Thursday, May 24, 2012.
- Certificate of Compliance for 16 Euclid, DEP file number 213-0232. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance for 16 Euclid.
- Subdivision modification for Taylor Road subdivision to increase lots sizes for four house lots. The Commission will wait for the plans from the Planning Board to decide if the modifications to the subdivision plans will trigger a new Notice of Intent or an OOC amendment. The Stormwater Management Bylaw may also be triggered for any new activity that results in a cumulative disturbance of more than one acre.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

- Motion for Landfill as requested by the Town Administrator. The Commission made a substitute motion that reads: The Maynard Conservation Commission finds that the site of the former town landfill (Assessor's Map 21, Lot 15) is not under its care or custody, and has never been designated conservation land under MGL Ch. 40, Section 8C. The Maynard Conservation Commission therefore for its part finds no obstacle to the transfer of all or part of the site to other uses, including such uses as photovoltaic installation, dog park, recreation, or open space, provided that the alterations receive prior wetland and stormwater permits as may be applicable. Mr. Moore made this motion, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and approved by all present (5-0).

- Carbone Park dumping. An adjacent neighbor was observed dumping a large pile of yard waste into the wetlands at Carbone Park, including viable Japanese Knotweed. The Agent will send the neighbor a letter and request he clean up the disposed waste and cease and desist from further dumping.

BUSINESS:

- Summary of DEP network meeting regarding UMass CAPS program. The material presented by Scott Jackson of UMass is available for commission to access on the website and use for decision making regarding open space areas that are important parcels for protection, but not for regulatory purposes.
- Town Report reissued—the Commission report was tucked in the way back and not listed in the table of contents.
- The Commission agreed to meet at the library on June 5 and participate in the Special Town Meeting prior to starting the Commission meeting.

Mail of note:

- Public Notice from Army Corps of Engineers regarding an updated national wetland plant list. The Agent will forward this email to Commission members.

Meeting Adjourned 9:13